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FORESTRY COMMISSION MANAGING DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES AT CAMP SHELBY

Jackson, MS—The Mississippi Forestry Commission is working with a joint taskforce at Camp Shelby, MS, to provide support and relief supplies in support of Hurricane Gustav recovery.

The Forestry Commission is managing a staging area of water, Meals Ready to Eat (MREs), tarps, and other relief supplies that the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has purchased and moved forward to Hattiesburg in advance of Hurricane Gustav. The supplies are being shipped to affected areas in need and directed by local emergency management centers in each county. The Mississippi National Guard is handling the local distribution of supplies.

The Forestry Commission is responsible for receiving, managing the staging area, and shipping when orders are received from MEMA.

An incident management team consisting of special trained Forestry Commission employees set up the staging area at Camp Shelby on Sunday, August 31. At least fifty supply trucks will be routed through the area managed by the commission.

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Incident Commander Richard McInnis briefs the MFC staff of mission assignments.



Trucks of relief supplies at the Camp Shelby staging area prior to leaving for local points of distribution.